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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM
SUBJECT: WRITTEN REACTION TO BUENOS AIRES 6317

REF: (A) STATE 208770 (B) BUENOS AIRES 6317

1. I HAVE VISITED INFORMALLY WITH SIX OR SEVEN ARGENTINES (SOME OF THEM EXILES) DURING THE PAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS, ALMOST ALL OF THEM BECAUSE THEY WERE SEEKING AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR YOUNG. I SAW WESTERCAMP ONCE OR TWICE (ON THE INITIATIVE OF ARGENTINE AND U.S. CITIZENS IN NYC), ASKING HIM WHAT HE THOUGHT THE USG AND ESPECIALLY AMBASSADOR YOUNG COULD DO TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINA, IF ANYTHING. USUALLY THEY HAVE FEW SPECIFIC, PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG OR USUN, AND ONLY WANT TO IMPRESS ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM AND ASK FOR HELP IN GENERAL TERMS. I DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REPORT ON THEIR EVALUATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO HA AND THE EMBASSY IN MOST CASES.

2. MY DISCUSSION(S) WITH WESTERCAMP CONSISTED OF A) SYMPATHETIC LISTENING, B) POLITE INSISTENCE THAT HE DEVELOP CONCRETE SUGGESTION IF HE WANTED TO SEE AMBASSADOR YOUNG, AND C) URGING THAT ALL THE CIVILIAN GROUPS NEED TO TALK
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MORE TO EACH OTHER TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN PLANS "" "ARGENTINE SOLUTION FOR ARGENTINE PROBLEMS." I PROBABLY DID SUGGEST THAT THERE SHOULD BE ATTEMPTS TO TALK TO THE MPM, BELIEVING THAT TALKING IS THE BEST WAY FOR GUERRILLA AND TERRORISTS TO BE BROUGHT BACK INTO THE PUBLIC DIALOGUE.

3. I AM IN NO POSITION TO JUDGE THE SINCERITY OF THE

MPM'S PROTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO WORK IN A DEMOCRATIC
POLITICAL FRAMEWORK, NOR TO EVALUATE THEIR POLITICAL
IMPORTANCE IN ARGENTINA, AND I ACCEPT EMBASSY'S EVALUATIONS
(REFTEL B, PARA 4). AT NO TIME DID I EVER ADVOCATE
LEGITIMATION OF ANY TERRORIST OR GUERRILLA GROUP, BUT
RATHER ONLY THAT THE ARGENTINES NEED TO TALK MORE AMONG
THEMSELVES BEFORE ASKING US FOR SOLUTIONS. I
ATTEMPTED TO SEND NO "MESSAGE" TO ANYONE, FROM ANYONE.

4. I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE THIS MESSAGE REPEATED TO BUENOS
AIRES, IF ASST. SECRETARY MAYNES DESIRES.
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